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GAGE GENES AND USES THEREOF
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RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

This is submitted in response to the restriction requirement of May 1. Applicants elect GAGE-2, which is the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 27, and encoded by SEQ ID NO: 14, and HLA-Cw6, as set forth in "7". The response is made with traverse.

The specification makes clear that GAGE-2 through GAGE-6 are closely related. Note, e.g., figures 4 and 5. Classification for each sequence is precisely the same. The examiner alleges that non co-extensive searches would be required, but provides no evidence to support this. There is no reason not to consider the invention as a whole.

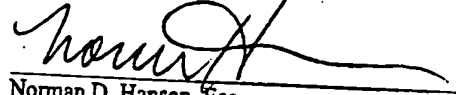
With respect to the request at point 6 of the action, the pairings are as follows: 14/27, 15/28, 16/29, 17/30 and 18/31.

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Prompt action on the merits is believed proper and is urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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